(DHQs), the following 9 DHQs have STD facilities:— Bilaspur, Chamba, Dharamsala, Hamirpur, Mandi, Nahan, Shimla, Solan & Una. (ii) Out of 45 sub-district headquarters, 12 sub-district headquarters have STD facilities as follows:—

Barsar, Amb., Shimla (Urban), Shimla (Rural), Nahan, Solan, Bilaspur, Una, Hamirpur, Mandi, Chamba, Dharamsala.

(b) Chamba (DHQ) has been provided with STD facility during 1990 and till date.

(c) Kulu (District H.Q.) is expected to be provided with STD facility by-end of September, 1991, and Kalpa and Keylong (both District H.Q.s) by March, 1992. With this, all D.H.Q.s will be covered by STD facility. These DHQs are coterminus with the sub-district H.Qs.

The remaining 30 (out of total 45) Sub-district headquarters would be provided with STD facility during the 8th Five Year Plan period.

1380. *[Transferred to 2nd August,* 1991]

Hindustan shipyard Limited

1381. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a)- whether it is a fact that clearance has been given by the Ministry of Surface Transport as well as by Bureau of Public Enterprises for the Memorandum of Understanding arrived at between the Management of Hindustan Shipyard Limited and the Unions on 4th July. 1991 on wage revision; and

(b) if so, when the said MOU is likely to be implemented; and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Abolition of RMS sorting

1382. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether abolition of RMS Sorting has resulted in much delay in postal services to the public;

(b) whether alternatives have been found to replace the RMS sorting; if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether shortage of staff in various categories in postal department has also resulted in delay in postal services; and

(d) whether Government propose to make up the shortage of staff in postal department; if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANG A YY A NAIDU): (a) No Sir, RMS Sorting has not been abolished.

(b) In view of (a) above. Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) The following number of Posts were sanctioned for creation during the year 1990-91:

(i) Postal Assistant Sorting Assistant — 2734

(ii) Sorting Postmen/Postmen — **2510**

As the review of establishment is a continuous process, the proposals for creation of additional justified Posts as and when received from Heads of Circles are taken up with Ministry of Finance for obtaining their approval.

Break in service' and *Dies non' penalties for participation in Bharat Bandh by P & T employees

1383. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Posts and Telegraph employees, who were imposed with 'break in service' and 'dies **non** penal-